



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
2011 DEL NORTE ROOSEVELT ELK HUNT



General Information: Congratulations on receiving a tag for the Del Norte Roosevelt Elk Hunt! We hope that your hunt will be a successful one. This hunting opportunity is being provided on private land owned by Green Diamond Resource Company. As guests of the landowner, the continuance of this hunt depends on your cooperation with the personnel of the Department of Fish and Game (Department) and Green Diamond Resource Company.

Hunter Orientation: All tag holders will be required to attend an orientation meeting at **noon on Tuesday, August 30**, at the Rowdy Creek Gun Club. From Highway 101 at the Ray's Market in the town of Smith River, California, turn east onto Rowdy Creek Road. The Rowdy Creek Gun Club is located 1.5 miles up Rowdy Creek Road. Hunters are not allowed to enter the hunt area until after the orientation meeting. A detailed map of the hunt area will be available at the orientation meeting, courtesy of Green Diamond Resource Company, for an approximately \$10.00 fee (cash only and subject to change) to cover production costs.

Please bring your hunting license, tag, and information regarding where you are staying and a phone number where you can be reached during the hunt. During the hunt, hunters are required to call in each day when first entering the property and when leaving it for the day. Having a cell phone is recommended.

Rules and Regulations: A more detailed list of rules and regulations will be provided to you at the orientation, but please be aware of the following items so you can plan accordingly:

1. Blaze orange vests are required and must be worn by hunters and non-hunting companions while in the hunt area.
2. Each permit holder may be accompanied by up to two non-hunters, neither of which may be in possession of firearms or bows and arrows. Hunters are strongly encouraged to bring at least one non-hunting companion to aid them in transporting game from the field.
3. Each permit holder may be in possession of only one legal firearm or bow while on the hunt area. No pistols or shotguns may be possessed.
4. Only one vehicle for each permit holder will be permitted on the hunt area.
5. Generally, only vehicles licensed for use on public roads are permitted in the hunt area, and trailers are not allowed in the hunt area. However, if approved by Green Diamond Resource Company personnel, trailers or all-terrain vehicles may be used to remove a harvested elk from the field.
6. Each hunter should have a shovel, ax or handsaw (no chainsaws), and fire extinguisher in the vehicle.
7. Horses or dogs are not permitted on the hunt area.
8. Camping is permitted on Green Diamond Resource Company land only at the Rowdy Creek Gun Club.
9. Fires of any kind are prohibited.
10. Hunting for species other than elk is prohibited.

11. The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth (and only the two front teeth, please do not send in sections of the jaw) and submit them to the Department. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk> for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your hunting license number. Please note that these results may not be available until **December** of the **following** year.

Travel Tips: Motels, trailer parks, private campgrounds and restaurants are available in Crescent City and the town of Smith River, both near the hunt area. Public camping facilities are located at Jedediah Smith Redwood State Park and Del Norte Redwood State Park near Crescent City, but they should be consulted regarding restrictions on firearms and the possession of game. Cold storage lockers for meat processing can be found in Eureka, Arcata and Crescent City.

Weather: Weather conditions are variable and may range from heavy rain and fog with cool temperatures through clear skies and warm temperatures.

Landscape: The topography in the hunting area is rugged. Much of the area is covered by dense forest.

Additional Information: Roosevelt elk are large animals. The weight of adult bulls average over 660 pounds and a large bull can exceed 1,000 pounds. Please consider that field dressing and transporting a harvested elk from the field can be very arduous work and no assistance will be given by Green Diamond Resource Company or Department employees. In addition, black bears are common in the hunt area so hunters should be prepared to avoid leaving a harvested carcass in the field overnight in a manner accessible to bears. Please be prepared to transport the carcass out of the field in a timely manner and properly hang those portions that must be left out overnight. We recommend that hunters who are inexperienced with handling game as large as elk acquire the knowledge needed to do so successfully prior to going out into the field. Department staff is available to answer questions that you may have, and information may be obtained from experienced hunters, sporting goods stores, and literature.

Conditions during the elk hunting season can be variable, even with mild temperatures an improperly handled carcass can lead to spoilage. It is critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or de-bone your elk immediately after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in fly proof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful.

All hunters MUST return elk tags to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season regardless whether they harvested an elk.

Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. If you need information as you plan for your hunt, please contact the Wildlife Management personnel at our Eureka office at 619 Second Street, Eureka, California 95501 (707) 445-6493 or Mr. Joe

Hobbs, Elk Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-9992. **Please do not contact Green Diamond Resource Company.** Information is also available at the Department's website www.dfg.ca.gov. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!